

Minutes
CHARLOTTESVILLE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE
Monday October 10, 2011 * 11:00 a.m. – Noon
NDS Conference Room * 610 East Market Street

Members Present:

Melanie Miller
Mary Hill Caperton
Helena Devereux
Mark Beliles
Edwina St. Rose

Staff:

Mary Joy Scala
Kristin Rourke
Adam Robinson

Members Absent:

Steven Meeks
Winston Churchill Gooding

Leave of Absence:

Genevieve Keller

1. Call to order – Mary Hill Caperton Called to order at 11:05
2. Approval of Minutes – September Minutes were approved.
3. Education & Public Meetings

Update: Charlottesville's 250th Anniversary (2012) – Mark Beliles gave a report – the Festival of History will run the first week of May (a Wednesday to Sunday event). Living history activities will take place on the weekend, indoor activities during the week, and the time capsule will be excavated on Sunday. A Music Festival is being organized but dates have not been nailed down, the dates will depend on the availability of performers. November 12th Founder's Day [Commemoration of the founding of Charlottesville] will have activities for kids, speeches and ceremonial events. Other organizations are also tying in to celebrate the anniversary. Official programs and calendars are in the works.

4. Public Commemoration

Transit Center Displays – According to Kristin Rourke Woolen Mills exhibit will be going up in the Transit Center shortly. The Rugby/Corner exhibit will go to Gordon Avenue library. “Charlottesville firefighters through the years” was suggested by Mary Hill as a future idea for the Transit displays after all the historic districts have been covered. Edwina St. Rose suggested having the old exhibits go to Cville Coffee for display after they went to the Gordon Avenue Library.

Markers Updates

McGuffey Marker – Mary Joy Scala will have this mailed off to the state this month
Gilmer Marker – Mary Joy also can mail this paperwork off to the state this month
Estimates for Repairs – Kristin will work on getting a solid quote for next meeting from several companies.

New Marker Ideas – Several suggestions were made: churches, all the sites noted in the brochure, and the city cemeteries: Daughters of Zion, Oakwood, and Maplewood. Maplewood already has a marker in progress.

Bus Posters – Some ideas were suggested: the posters could feature sites on the audio tour or a 250th bus poster which could feature a photo in the Court Square area or photos of the 1962 200th Anniversary Celebration.

5. Publications

Re-printing walking tour brochure – It would be ideal to get them out before the Spirit Walk, the 21st of October, or at least check if this is possible. An email address and/or phone number (Historical Society or NDS) should be added. The Celebrate 250! Logo and website should also be added. We may need to print a LOT of the print tour brochures to promote history and spread them out – maybe 10,000.

6. Special Projects

Audio Tour update – The Audio Tour is near completion, signs just need to go up. Melanie Miller suggested John D’earth to narrate Miller’s Bar and Restaurant as a site for the next round of sites.

Cemetery Conservation – Kristin discussed the possibility of establishing a cemetery committee to promote the preservation of the city cemeteries.

7. Other Business

8. Goals for next meeting

Go over wording for text for plaques we already have

Get an estimate for new markers and redoing old markers

Edwina is going to check with Cville Coffee to see if they can host the Transit Exhibits

9. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 12:05

NOTE: You can ask at the NDS front desk to have your Market Street Parking Garage ticket stamped.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Charlottesville Historic Resources Committee is to advocate for historic preservation; to promote an appreciation of local historic resources, both tangible and intangible; and to encourage and coordinate, with appropriate municipal agencies, civic organizations, institutions and individual scholars, the documentation and interpretation of local history.

The Charlottesville Historic Resources Committee achieves its mission through:

- Education
- Public commemoration (historic plaques, signs, markers, and civic festivals and ceremonies)
- Publications (maps, brochures, tour books, and digital media)
- Public meetings (planning sessions, workshops, and lectures)
- And through other means.

2011 Annual Plan

- 1) Make up possible list for state and local markers.
 - a. Develop themes: Early settlement, Civil Rights, Education – so we can relate markers to them.
 - b. Collaborate with 250th Anniversary Committee.
 - 2) Continue Transit Station exhibits throughout the coming year. Explore dividing larger space with another organization.
 - 3) Continue bus posters – pause mid year to evaluate the project.
 - 4) Continue Cooperation with and support of ACHS effort to develop a plan for the Old Jail.
 - a. Interest in jails and jail conditions – create coalitions and have displays at the Jail
 - b. Discuss possibility of doing a jail-related legacy project with 250th Anniversary.
 - 5) Improve visibility of historic neighborhoods
 - a. Put something on HRC website that shows the different National Register districts – link map on our website to each page.
 - b. Consider changing the street signs to brown would make people aware.
 - c. Consider ordering National Register plaques for all our districts.
 - 6) Plan events to include the public
 - 7) Walking tour booklet with historic areas identified on the maps
 - 8) Keep the 250th Anniversary of Charlottesville in mind when planning other items.
 - 9) Continue to support PAPA organization.
 - 10) Expand committee membership. **
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Historic Resources Committee 2010 Committee List

- a. Education and Public Meetings
(Mark Beliles, Chair; also Mary Hill Caperton, Genevieve Keller and Edwina St. Rose)
Special events: Spring Preservation Week; 250th Charlottesville Anniversary in 2012;
Annual fall Piedmont Area Preservation Alliance (PAPA) gathering of preservation groups
- b. Public Commemoration
(Co-chairs Genevieve Keller and Helena Devereux; also Melanie Miller, Mary Hill Caperton, Winston Churchill Gooding, and Edwina St. Rose)
Historic markers and plaques
Transit Station Display, bus posters, and other exhibits
- c. Publications
(Mary Hill Caperton, Chair; also Steven Meeks)
HRC Web page, digitize City Landmark Survey
Walking tour booklets
- d. Special Projects
(Helena, Chair; also Steven Meeks, Winston Churchill Gooding, Mark Beliles)
Old Jail